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Title: Provisioning and
Snapshotting Using Copy
on Read/Write and
Transient Virtual Machine
Technology

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF July 3, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 3, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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